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1. EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND LEAD ME TO THINK WE NEED TO BE
IN CLOSER TOUCH IN ORDER TO KEEP ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH.

2. I WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE HANDLING OF PRESS
GUIDANCE ON OUR VISITORS (REFTEL). AS INDICATED IN MY
CABLES, IT HAD SEEMED TO US DESIRABLE TO PUT A DEPARTURE,
IF THERE WAS ONE, IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR REPEATED REQUESTS
TO THEM TO LEAVE, WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY BE TRUE BUT WOULD
ELIMINATE THE NEED TO EXPLAIN A CHANGE IN OUR
APPROACH--WHICH WE ASSUMED WOULD BE ONE OF THE MAIN
QUESTIONS BY THE PRESS. INSTEAD YOUR PRESS GUIDANCE
SEEMED DELIBERATELY TO EMPHASIZE THIS AS A NEW STEP.
I SUGGEST THE LINE BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY, SINCE THE
EXISTENCE OF THE GHIDANCE WILL PROBABLY GIVE RISE TO
QUESTIONS. INCIDENTALLY, I WAS SURPRISED THAT THE PRESS
GUIDANCE CABLE WAS GIVEN NO DISTRIBUTION LIMITATION SLUG.
MY DCM WAS CALLED IN WHEN IT ARRIVED DURING THE NIGHT,
AND THEREFORE WAS ABLE TO KILL THE NORMAL WIDE DISTRIBUTION
IT WOULD HAVE GOTTEN HERE, WHICH SHOULD HELP HOLD DOWN
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THE GOSSIP AT THIS END. BUT I SUPPOSE IT WAS SPREAD ALL
OVER WASHINGTON. THIS MAY PROVE EMBARRASSING AS REGARDS
THE SUBSEQUENT CABLE CANCELLING THE NON-USE-OF-FORCE
PARAS.

3. IN RETROSPECT, IT IS TOO BAD WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO
TRY THIS STEP WHEN WE FIRST PROPOSED IT, WHEN IT HAD A

BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. THERE WAS NEVER A GUARANTEE
IT WOULD WORK BUT BY WAITING UNTIL THEY WERE FULLY DUG IN
WE CERTAINLY WORSENERED THE ODDS.

4. I WANT TO DISCUSS THIS IN DETAIL WHEN I AM IN THE
DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 1. TOON

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